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Local Brevities.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to E. Hauke and Miss Petra A. Holden.

William Irish West was released yesterday from the county jail, his mental condition having greatly improved.

The cost of conducting the street department for August was \$291.25. The cost of running the office of the city engineer was \$321.50.

The September term of the county court will be convened today. Several important road matters are to be acted upon at this term.

Andrew Holm has sold to Albert Nikka lots 7 and 17 and the west half of lot 16, in Taylor's Astoria, with the house on the property, for \$2000. The sale was made yesterday.

The Astoria Electric Company has been granted permission to erect waiting rooms at either end of the street car line for the convenience of travelers during the winter months.

The ladies' guild of Grace church will give a birthday social in the basement of the church on Friday afternoon and evening, September 9. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Colonial oysters, the choicest shellfish product of the waters of the Pacific coast, are kept exclusively at the Imperial Oyster House, where they are served in any style. The Colonial is of Blue Point size and of delicious flavor.

Plans and specifications for the improvement of Taylor avenue were filed yesterday by City Engineer Tee. The improvement will be a most important one, for the thoroughfare is to be re-

paired a distance of 2900 feet. The estimate of the cost of the work is \$9147.25. There will be about 2700 feet of trestlework in the street, which will make the cost quite heavy.

Work on the court house is now being rushed and a much larger force of men is engaged there. The stone-work is rapidly being prepared and soon the walls of the new building will assume proportions.

The council last night paid Architect Schacht \$1025.04 the first installment, 3 per cent, of the contract price of the city hall and cost of heating. Two per cent of the total amount due him will be paid when the building is completed.

Mayor Surprenant, who is an experienced contractor, has been engaged as superintendent of construction of the new city hall. Mayor Surprenant is also superintendent of construction of the new court house. The county pays him \$5 per diem, while the city will pay him \$3.

The workmen who are engaged in the improvement of Grand avenue yesterday made rather an interesting discovery near the residence of John H. Smith, where an old wooden reservoir was uncovered. The reservoir is 15 feet long, 12 feet wide and 20 feet deep. It was installed for the purpose of supplying water for fire protection, and was in use some 25 or 30 years ago. The old reservoir will be filled in.

"I would like to know how many dogs are licensed to live in this community," declared Councilman Belland at last night's meeting of the council. "I counted 10 unlicensed canines on Commercial street in 10 minutes the other day." Auditor Anderson smiled as he replied. "One female dog has been licensed in the past two years," explained the auditor. "This happened

last year, however. This year no female dogs have been licensed." Mr. Belland declared it was a shame the poundmaster was so lax in his duties and said he was tired of paying bills for killing dogs when the dog end of the municipality never brought in a cent.

Hon. Isaac Bergman and Mrs. Bergman, who have spent the summer at Beaver Lodge farm on Grays river, will return to the city today. They will be accompanied by the following friends, who have been their guests during the past two weeks: Miss Mamie Breslau of Chico, Cal.; Miss Hattie Wise, Harry Cohen, Edmund Cohen, L. I. Ostraske and H. M. Ostraske of Spokane.

Street Superintendent Kearney has recommended to the council that steps be taken to repair the following streets: Twenty-third from Exchange to Franklin avenue; Franklin avenue from Twenty-first to Twenty-third, and Tenth from Commercial to Duane. The last-named street needs new decking, while the two others are in dangerous condition. The street committee of the council will report upon the matter.

"Strangler" Smith, the wrestler, has made arrangements to fight Fred Muller 25 rounds. The state authorities are not quite sure that they will permit this fight. Recently Smith and Muller fought 20 fierce rounds, both men being considerably punished. Smith has also arranged for a wrestling match here Saturday night with Chris Pearson of Tacoma, heavyweight champion of the coast. The best three out of five falls will take the money.

There were seven men in the county jail yesterday but when William Irish West was released the number was reduced to six. The prisoners are Orjala, who is serving 25 days for stealing mechanic's tools; Harry Hogue, the misguided youth who held up L. Larson and is awaiting trial; Miller, a bogus check man, and Baney and the Saylor brothers, who were arrested yesterday for robbery. This is the largest aggregation that has been in the jail for some time.

Sheriff Linville yesterday killed a pony belonging to the children of O. I. Peterson. During a runaway accident Monday morning the pony, which had been hitched to a post in front of the Peterson home on Fourteenth street, was struck with the pole of the wagon to which the frightened horses were attached. The pony was internally injured and was yesterday pronounced to be beyond recovery. The sheriff shot it at the request of the owner. The horse was a family pet and the children are very much downcast because of its untimely end.

A gentleman who has just returned from an eastern trip said yesterday that he was highly pleased to note the big wheat yield in the northwest. Coming out he met several men who are interested in wheat and all of them assured him that rust had seriously damaged the crop in some of the middle states. Because of this damage to wheat those men looked to see the price go as high as \$1.50. In many sections the yield will not be more than one-third of normal. The shortage there will have the effect of sending up the price, and Oregon farmers will benefit accordingly.

At the meeting of the council last night Mayor Surprenant called attention to the fact that extra work was charged for on nearly every street improvement put through. He wanted to know whether or not the property owners could be made to pay this extra charge. City Attorney Smith stated that it was impossible to foresee everything that would have to be met in undertaking street improvements, and that, as only what was specified in ordinances, resolutions and contracts could be assessed to the property under the charter, the city would have to bear the cost of extra work.

L. A. James was up before Police Judge Anderson yesterday afternoon on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The young man told the court that he was a traveling salesman just at present, and that he was working his way through college. He asked that leniency be shown him. It appears the man was creating a disturbance and the arresting officer says James insulted him when he was cautioned to behave himself. Judge Anderson expressed admiration for any young man who was trying to acquire an education, but seriously doubted the expediency of such conduct as that of which James was guilty. He fined the man \$10.

August Danielson received a message last evening from his brother-in-law, P. H. Johnson, at Victoria, stating that his wife, Mrs. Louise Johnson

who was a sister of Mr. Danielson, had died at sea on August 25 from apoplexy. The deceased woman was also a sister of Mrs. Adolph Johnson of this city. Mr. Johnson is foreman of the Alaska Packers' Association cannery at Nushagak, and his wife has accompanied him north each season for several years. It was while returning from Nushagak on a steamer that her death occurred. The funeral is to take place in San Francisco on September 9. Mrs. Johnson was well known in Astoria during her residence here in 1886-7. She was at that time the wife of Ole Nelson, the police officer who was shot in Portland last Thursday night by a highwayman. Mr. Danielson will go to Portland today, and if Mr. Nelson's injury is not expected to prove fatal will go on to San Francisco this evening to attend the funeral of his sister.

H. D. Baney, Jesse Saylor and Jay N. Saylor were arrested yesterday by the police for the crime of robbery. Monday evening Dr. Linton, formerly of Seaside, but now coroner of Wahkalkum county, Wash., arrived in the city, wearing a diamond stud. He started for the Bowery to take in the sights. The diamond attracted the attention of the three men, who soon settled upon a means of acquiring it. They became involved in a fight and in the melee got Dr. Linton between them. One of the men grabbed the diamond, tearing away the front of the doctor's shirt. Dr. Linton complained to Chief Hallock and the three men were soon landed in jail. The diamond was much less valuable than the thugs believed, and they offered to return it and pay the costs. However, this sort of thing doesn't "go" in Clatsop county, and the three men were charged with larceny from the person, a penitentiary offense. They were arraigned before Justice Goodman, who held them in \$1000 bail each to appear for preliminary hearing at 4 this afternoon. They are in jail in default of bonds.

Mr. Erick A. Hauke of the East Astoria firm of Scholfield & Hauke and Miss Petra H. Holden were married last evening at the First Lutheran church. Fully 200 friends of the contracting parties were present and the edifice was prettily decorated with ivy, evergreens and cut flowers. Upon the arrival of the bride and groom Mrs. Skov played the wedding march. The marriage ceremony was performed beneath a beautiful bell of flowers. Rev. Mr. Holden, brother of the bride, officiated, the service being conducted in the Norwegian language. After the ceremony a reception was held at the basement of the church, where the invited guests gathered to enjoy a wedding supper. Rev. O. Hagass of Portland, who was present at the wedding, spoke in a happy vein, and addresses were made by other guests, among them Mr. Scholfield and Mr. Langoe. Many handsome presents were received by the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Hauke will leave this morning for California, to be gone for two or three weeks. On their return they will reside at 1625 Grand avenue. The decorations at the church were generally admired. This feature of the ceremony was in charge of Mrs. Settem and Mrs. Ness.

Parker House Hotel Arrivals.
C. J. Wilson, F. W. French, R. Abramson, Portland; James Quinn, Quinn's; C. H. Wheeler, Andrew Christenson, Portland; J. W. Hammon and wife, South Bend; Charles Beckenstahl, Nehalem; Miss Bertha Pointy, Portland.

The new postage stamps show Thomas Jefferson with his hair parted in the middle. The next order will probably be a portrait of President Washington smoking a cigarette.

Notice to taxpayers.

The county board of equalization will convene at the county clerk's office on September 26, 1904, and continue in session daily thereafter for a period of one week, for the purpose of publicly examining the assessment roll for the year 1904 and correcting all errors in valuation, description or quality of land, lots or other property, and all interests are notified to appear at the above time and place for the purpose of lodging objections, if any there be, to said assessment.

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